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1. PRIME MINISTER ABDALLAH KAMIL WILL HEAD DJIBOUTI DELEGATION TO FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. IT IS ALMOST A CERTAINTY THAT PRESIDENT HASSAN GOULED WILL ALSO ATTEND THE SUMMIT MEETING IN LATE MAY.

2. BECAUSE BOTH PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER WERE RECENTLY IN PARIS TO DEAL WITH BILATERAL ISSUES, IT IS PROBABLE THAT THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE TWO MEETINGS WILL SERVE PRIMARILY TO ENLARGE THEIR CONTACTS WITHIN THE FRANCOPHONE CLUB.

3. AS A MATTER OF PRUDENCE, DJIBOUTI ASSOCIATES ITSELF RARELY WITH INTERNATIONAL ISSUES WHICH DO NOT SPECIFICALLY CONCERN DJIBOUTI. FOR THAT REASON, IT IS LIKELY THAT DJIBOUTI MIGHT JOIN EASILY IN AN ATTACK ON SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE IN AFRICA -- THEY FEEL DIRECTLY MENACED BY THE SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA. THEY PROBABLY WOULD RATHER NOT GET INVOLVED IN THE CHADIAN PROBLEM. THE EXPOSURE TO FRANCOPHONE WILL DO THE DJIBOUTIANS SOME GOOD BECAUSE IT DOUBTLESS HAD FEWER PIT-
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FALLS INVOLVED THAN ARAB LEAGUE AND ISLAMIC MEETINGS WHICH DJIBOUTI HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SINCE INDEPENDENCE.

4. PRIME MINISTER KAMIL TOLD CHARGE THIS PAST WEEKEND THAT HE DOES NOT PLAN TO REMAIN IN PARIS FOR LONGER THAN 4-5 DAYS AND WILL RETURN TO DJIBOUTI PRIOR TO CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING.

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